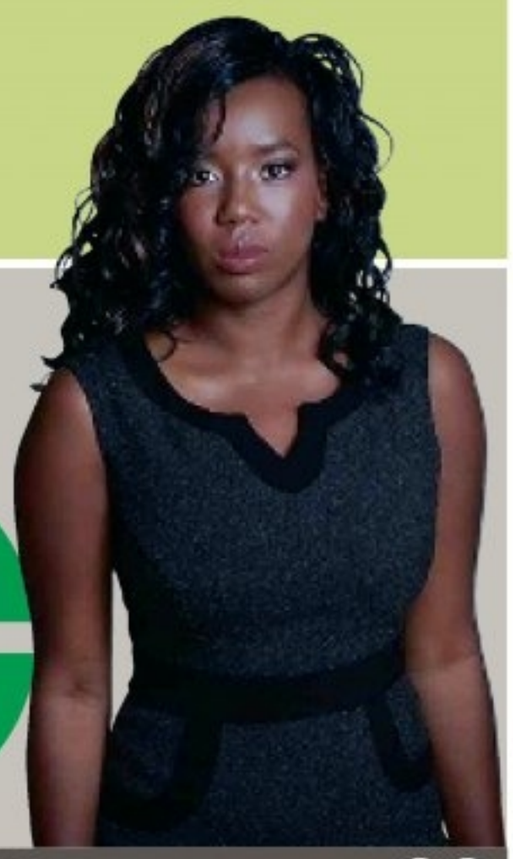
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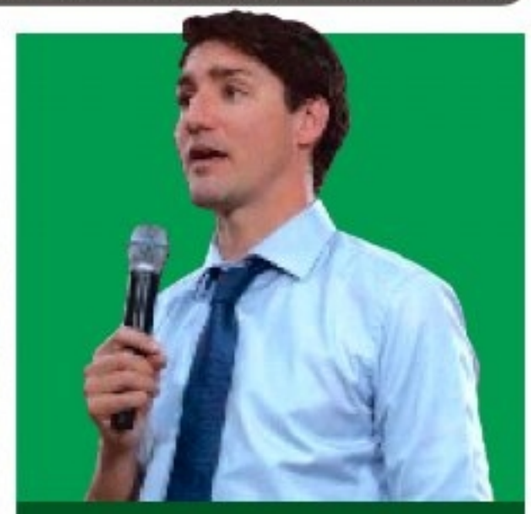


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INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Installation making its only stop in Atlantic Canada



Alex Quon
For Metro | Halifax

More than 1,800 moccasin tops guide guests along the length of Mount Saint Vincent University's Art Gallery as part of Walking With Our Sisters, a memorial that represents Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, Two-spirit people and families.

The moccasin tops, or vamps, are left unfinished — a conscious choice that symbolizes the 1,180 lives cut short during the last 30 years.

In addition, 100 pairs of children's vamps are also included, representing children who did not return to their families from residential schools.

For Joe Michael, a member of the Shubenacadie First Nation and former RCMP officer, the memorial has come to represent an issue that has left its own mark on his family tree.

In 1936, his grandmother and his great aunt were murdered. The case went unsolved until recently, when after Michael retired, he investigated the crime for three-and-a-half years.

"The closure for the family was heartbreaking," he said in an interview. "We had a bringing home the spirits ceremony and a church service and we got a beautiful monument for them, which tells their story. That was 81 years ago and only now are we getting closure."



Nearly 1,800 moccasin tops, or vamps, are part of the memorial. ALEX QUON/FOR METRO

MEMORIAL

The memorial at Mount Saint Vincent University's art galley will be open to the public through Feb. 1.

Stories like Michael's aren't isolated to one region of the country or one era in time. In order to encompass the nationwide issue artists from Canada have contributed to the installation, telling the stories of the family and people they've lost.

The installation at Mount Saint Vincent marks the only stop in Atlantic Canada that the memorial has made as it has travelled across Canada and the United States.

To commemorate the indigenous women lost in Atlantic Canada the installation also contains drawings of water vessels from each of the six indigenous nations in the region; Labrador Metis, Inuit, Labrador Mi'kmaw, Beothuk, Mi'kmaw and Maliseet.

"[The vessels] were one of the ways we connected to one another, one of the ways we travelled," Kehisha Wilmot, a guide for the memorial, said on Saturday.

Michael says he wants as many people as possible to attend. "Don't look at it as a group, look at it as individuals," he said. "That's what I find, if you put it as a group then it loses the impact and it waters it down, but when it's 1,800 individual stories then it becomes more powerful."



Joe Michael counts his grandmother and great aunt as missing and murdered indigenous women. ALEX QUON/FOR METRO

ANIMALS

Canicross helping dogs and owners keep fit in the cold



Sarah Peel leads one of her greyhounds, Onyx, in an exercise.
ALEX QUON/FOR METRO

It might've felt like -20 C outside on Saturday but that didn't stop a group of parka clad pet owners from going for a long distance run — and bringing their dogs with them.

It was all part of a clinic introducing dog owners to the sport of canicross, a version of cross country running that includes dogs. Run by Sarah Warford through her company Dogrunnin, the camps are good way to keep her dogs and herself in shape.

Originating from the traditional sport of mushing or dogsledding, canicross was developed as offseason training for the dogs.

"Kennels who raise these dogs realized that if you trained in the offseason, that they were actually faster and stronger in the winter," said Warford. "From there people realized that they don't need a team or even a sled. Instead of a sled, the dog is pulling a human."

While the sport is popular in Europe and common throughout Western Canada, it's relatively rare to see it in Atlantic Canada. But that hasn't stopped her from hosting these clinics and a regular class. In the past year her company has given lessons to over 100 people and their furry friends.

Warford said it doesn't matter the size of your dog either, everything from greyhounds to tiny terriers are able to take part in the sport.

Sarah Peel is a trainer with Dogrunnin, and she led the clinic on Saturday.

"We stick to very consistent commands so it's accessible to everyone," Peel said. " We use terms that reflect what we want the dog to be doing, and we find the dog to be much response in that way."

Warford said she's found a good way to exercise with her dog, but it's not just about her canine companion.

"It's a lot about learning how to communicate with your dog and then working together," she said. "You end up building a better relationship with you dog."

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Weighing the impacts of the Donald Trump effect

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Panel analyzes how region will be affected by president-elect



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A panel this week will discuss what impacts — both negative and positive — a Donald Trump presidency could mean for Halifax.

The Dalhousie University event — President Trump: Now What? — will feature two back-to-back panels with five speakers each, talking about implications of the American election on politics, gender, class, race, immigration, international trade, journalism and more.

"A lot of people are concerned," Sylvain Charlebois, panel moderator and dean of the school's Faculty of Management, said in an interview about the Wednesday sessions.

"With the shock of Nov. 8 we thought it would be important to … try and understand what happened and what it means to the world to have a Trump/Pence administration."

In the fall, the management faculty hosted a panel on the election but at the time Charlebois said Trump's win wasn't an issue since everyone was "convinced" it would be Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, and they spent time discussing what changes she would bring.

"All three panellists are back (this) week, so they have some explaining to do," Charlebois said with a laugh.

One local impact could be food systems, Charlebois said, with factors like a stronger economy in the U.S., weaker dollar here, and Trump's potential immigration policies affecting productivity in America — all leading to products becoming more expensive.

"Canadians pocket books are likely to be affected by a Trump administration," Charlebois said.

Although many disagree with Trump, Charlebois said Canada can't afford to move away from vital economic ties to the U.S. The new administration could actually provide opportunities for Nova Scotia if "we play our cards well" with NAFTA and Washington when it comes to fisheries and seafood, he said.

Charlebois said he's hopeful the federal government can work well economically with the Trump administration, but added everything is hypothetical since the president-elect loves to make bold Twitter statements and "we're always 140 characters away from anything with Mr. Trump."

"'Canada you don't want our milk? Then we don't want your beef.' That is a very plausible example of what could happen over the next year," Charlebois said.



President-elect Donald Trump speaks at a news conference in Trump Tower in New York last week. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETAILS

- The event on Wednesday runs from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Potter Auditorium, Rowe Management Building.
- There is no charge.

EDUCATION

Province, teachers resume talks

Contract negotiations between Nova Scotia Teachers Union and the provincial government will resume Monday.

Union president Liette Doucet said in a statement Sunday that both sides have agreed to a new round of talks under a media blackout.

Education Minister Karen Casey said the negotiations reached an "impasse" Saturday after meeting with a conciliator several times last week.

Casey said the union rejected the province's latest contract offer that "attempted" to address concerns about classroom conditions, wages and retirement benefits.

The two sides had a public skirmish last week after Casey raised questions over teachers professional development travel to Hawaii and elsewhere during a work-to-rule campaign.

The union says teachers had been granted permission to travel to conferences — including 11 who went to an education conference last week in Hawaii — before their job action began Dec. 5.

Contract talks had previously collapsed Nov. 25 after the sides agreed to meet with a conciliator.

In a release Sunday, Opposition Leader Jamie Baillie renewed his call for "impartial mediator."

"The negotiating environment has become so poisoned that a negotiated solution remains elusive. Students and their families are being left behind," he said in a statement. "It is clear now that outside help is needed to bring this impasse to a resolution."

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CAPE BRETON

Tanker on its way after 1-week delay

A tanker that ran aground off the coast of Cape Breton last weekend was freed Sunday, a week after it became stuck in shallow water.

The Arca 1 was being towed to Sydney Harbour for repairs after the coast guard and salvage crews pulled the vessel from a bay near Little Pond.

Stephen Bornais, a coast guard spokesperson, said around 150 locals looked on as high tides lifted the 53-metre vessel from the seabed, allowing it to be pulled into deeper waters.

"It's in a marine community, so it was a knowledgeable crowd," Bornais said, "People seemed very appreciative."

Olous Boag of McKeil Marine, an Ontario-based salvage company, said the operation involved two tug boats and a more than 1,150-metre tow line. Salvage crews drained several hundred tonnes of water used as ballast to float the ship, Boag said, and its anchor was recovered from the sandy bottom.

Boag said Sunday's operation took less time than expected after a previous attempt failed last week and crews were dogged by weather-related delays. "It's one of those situations where you're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," Boag said. "We had the right weather, a good tide, preparations for the tow and for the salvage crew all came together quite nicely to make this a success."

The tanker is empty aside from a few tonnes of engine fuel, said Boag, posing an "extremely low risk" to the environment. Petroil Marine is responsible for the costs of removing the ship, which Boag said "isn't going to be cheap." THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

The coast guard has said the vessel was on its way to its Mexico owner Petroil Marine, when it ran aground Sunday after its engines failed during a storm. Six crew had to be airlifted to safety.



The Arca 1 ran aground off the coast of Nova Scotia about 8 days ago. HANDOUT



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during a town hall meeting at Alumni Hall, Western University on Friday in London, Ont.
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'Tough questions' await Trudeau at town hall

POLITICS

Liberal MP Fisher says no questions will be vetted



Alex Quon
For Metro | Halifax

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau takes to the stage on Monday night at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, a local politician says he'll be answering questions from people across the political spectrum — all without vetting the questions ahead of time.

"Whether Canadians agree with him or are Liberal, or are not Liberal, they are all welcome," Dartmouth-Cole Harbour MP and Liberal backbencher Darren Fisher said in an interview Sunday.

Fisher and Mayor Mike Savage, who is also a Liberal, will play host to the Trudeau at 6:30 p.m. on Monday night, as he arrives in Nova Scotia on his cross-country tour to connect with grassroots Canadians — an apparent response to accusations of focusing on courting wealthy donors.

Fisher has no preconceived notions of what might come up from those in the audience but expects some tough questions will be asked. But he says that is all part of the plan.

"I'm excited about the prospect about having people in my area, my riding, my community of asking these tough questions," said Fisher.

"The way this is designed is for Canadians to have their say." Expectations are for the town hall to be packed. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. while the town hall will start an hour later.

RSVP

Darren Fisher says that if you're planning to attend, RSVP to the mayor's office by emailing mayor@halifax.ca as soon as possible.

HALIFAX HEROES Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

Chipping away access barriers

ADVOCACY

Paul Vienneau considers his contributions a city service



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Among the tattoos visible on Paul Vienneau's arms are a shovel and a water bottle.

They're a reminder of what he's doing with his life and why.

In the winter, you'll often find Vienneau in his wheelchair chopping away at ice and snow to help clear sidewalks, crosswalks, drains and street corners.

When we met late last week, his hands were sore and he was "rocking tennis elbow" from clearing snow and ice following a storm.

"Because of the way that the weather works, whoever did the corners on Spring Garden did a really great job, but overnight there's wind, people walking and other things and it gets covered," he said.

On hot summer days, Vienneau can sometimes be found handing out bottles of water to passersby on Spring Garden Road. "Just because."

The accessibility/inclusivity advocate was recommended as a Halifax Hero for his passion and dedication towards working to make the city a better place.

"I don't just stop at trying to improve things for the disabled. When things work for me or when they work for the least abled among us, it improves things for everybody," he said.



Paul Vienneau has been doing his part to keep the streets clear of snow to make it easier for the disabled to get around Halifax.
JEFF HARPER/METRO

> When I go talk to the mayor or somebody, it's not about getting him to feel bad for me, it's about getting him to understand from my point of view. Paul Vinneau

Vienneau garnered public attention in January 2015 after spending more than six hours one day busting away at crosswalk ice that had for seven days impeded his ability to cross the street to pay a bill.

"I went through lunch, rush hour and supper hour of people watching me do this. I decided not to get angry," he recalled.

"It wasn't about 'Oh poor disabled Paul.' It was just a citizen who happened to be in a chair."

That winter, he spent more than 80 volunteer hours clearing 25 unique locations of ice and snow. Vienneau said he's pleased things in the city have started improving.

"They're trying to take into account how the jobs they do are going to affect the people in the neighbourhoods. Is it perfect yet? No, but it's only been two years and there have been huge strides," he said.

"They're redoing every street corner from Robie to Barrington on Spring Garden in a barrier-free style I thought would take 20 years to do, yet they did it this summer. They've been replacing them out in the county as well with this new style of corner that they didn't have plans for until recently."

Vienneau said he was reluctant to be labelled a hero for doing something that he considers meaningful.

"My injury happened when I was 22, but there are people whose whole lives have been fighting for this struggle for independence, for just pure equality of access to things that everybody takes for granted," he said.

"To be a part of this history of fighting for our equal access to things, this is truly meaningful work."

The professional photographer and musician said he's grateful to be able to help. He meets with business owners, politicians, and others and works on the premise of empathy, not sympathy.

"Instead of sympathy, which is 'Oh you poor buggers,' it's empathy. Which is 'This sucks. How can I help you fix it?' That's different," he said.

Vienneau described what he does as a municipal service for an "awesome" city.

"A legacy for me would be that in 20 years some kid can go work his job at McDonalds in a chair and not have to worry about getting there by accessible cab or whatever," he said.

"Or go on a blind date to the art gallery and be able to go right to the door and do all that stuff that everybody else takes for granted...We're not looking for special treatment, we're just looking for equal treatment."

NOMINATIONS

Each week, we will profile an unsung volunteer hero in our community as part of Halifax Heroes. To nominate someone, email philip.croucher@metronews.ca, Metro Halifax's managing editor, or Tweet @metrohalifax using the hashtag #HalifaxHeroes



TRURO

End of era for store

A photography business with a 46-year history in Truro is closing for good at the end of February.

Carsand-Mosher Photographic announced on Facebook on Jan. 12 that they are shutting up shop on Feb. 28.

"It has been our privilege to be of service and to see so many of you come to us over the years. Many of you have become dear friends. We wish to thank you for your business, your loyalty, and your friendship. We regret any inconvenience the store closure will cause you," reads the post on Facebook.

Carsand Mosher was created in 1970 through the merger of Mosher's Studio, founded in 1948, and Carsand Photos.

Originally the business specialized in portrait photography but grew to become the largest independent photographic camera retailer in eastern Canada and in 1980, they began offering onsite photo processing.

Carsand-Mosher closed their Halifax location in 2010 and when they closed their Bayer's Lake location in 2012 they said it was because of the increase in big box chains selling cameras. They also said at the time that fewer people printing photos was reducing profits.

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SNAP TO IT

Still time to visit, shop
The Facebook post says they will honour gift certificates and other coupons and they encourage customers to pick any items left at the store soon. TC MEDIA



WELCOME BACK
HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN RETURNS TO HALIFAX
Lt. Adam Vaters gets a hug from his four-year-old daughter Zara as HMCS Charlottetown returns Friday after participating in Operation Reassurance, Canada's contribution to NATO security operations in central and eastern Europe. Charlottetown left Halifax June 27 and joined the NATO fleet operating in the Mediterranean Sea.
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Yes, this really is a rat running around downtown Halifax.
JEFF HARPER/METRO

Downtown rats 'as common as pigeons'

PESTS

Construction boom, mild weather sees rodents abound

Gary Julien conjures an unnerving scene when describing his experience with Halifax's growing rat problem.

"They're the size of small kittens — or somewhere between kittens and cats," the downtown busker says with a laugh while taking a break from playing the drums on a set of small, plastic buckets.

"I've seen rats running around as common as pigeons, looking for something to eat. They even cross the paths of pedestrians, mostly in the early evenings, and sometimes in the daytime."

Julien, a part-time musician known as Caesar the Bucket Drummer, says the problem was particularly bad last summer.

"They need to do something about it," he said, adding that he fully expected to see some rats on Friday afternoon as the temperature in downtown Halifax rose to about 10 C under bright sunshine. "The problem is crazy. It's out of hand ... Watch where you walk."

Experts say a combination of a mild winter in 2015-16 and a surge in downtown construction projects made for an increasingly visible and mobile rat army.

Digging and building near the waterfront has driven thousands of rats out of their old haunts. And the rodent problem seemed particularly bad near the city's old, empty central library, where Caesar can often be found playing his buckets.

Next week, a community council will discuss a newly released report that is recommending the creation of a new rodent control team.

"The key to a successful rodent remediation will be to coordinate the approach across municipal departments," says the report, submitted by Public Works director Bruce Zvaniga.

The proposed team should look into what other municipalities are doing and review existing practices, the report says. Zvaniga is also calling for an education program for residents, and requiring developers to include rodent control in their construction mitigation plans.

Brian Betts, branch manager at Ace Pest Control in Lawrencetown, N.S., says he's been tracking a population explosion across Nova Scotia for the past four years, though he's confident virtually every other province has been having the same problem — except Alberta, which invests heavily in rat extermination.

However, he agreed the problem is severe in downtown Halifax, where construction of a large convention centre started more than four years ago.

"Anything on the periphery of that has felt more rodent pressure than they have in a long time," he says. "We're undergoing a construction boom and there's lots of new development ... and I would also attribute some of it to mild winters."

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NOVA SCOTIA NEWS

Crewmember airlifted
A crew member was airlifted from a fishing boat in the waters near southwest Nova Scotia after a report of a suspected heart attack.

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Halifax tasked Cormorant helicopter to a boat off the coast Clark's Harbour for a medical evacuation Saturday morning. A spokesperson for Maritime Forces Atlantic said the crew member was hoisted by helicopter and transported to hospital in Yarmouth for treatment.

No further information was available on the person's condition.

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Man charged with attempted murder
A 30-year-old man has been charged with attempted murder after an incident at a Middleton apartment. A 28-year-old woman was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Timothy Lake from Middleton has been charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault. He was arrested at the scene Friday and has been in custody ever since. He will appear in Digby Provincial Court on Jan. 16.

Nova Major Crime Unit is continuing with the investigation. Earlier in the day she said police responded to a 911 medical assistance call at about 12 noon on Friday.

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Indigenous voices on pipelines

FIRST NATIONS

Province's program aims to improve spill response

A new program in the works at Alberta's research and development agency aims to improve pipeline monitoring and spill response by enlisting more indigenous people.

Hundreds of thousands of kilometres of oil and gas pipes criss-cross the province, many in remote areas near the homes of First Nations and Metis people.

Ecologist Shauna-Lee Chai is hoping to get some traction for a feasibility study in the coming months into indigenous monitoring.

"We thought that this made perfect sense just because indigenous people have strong ties to the land," said Chai, who is with InnoTech Alberta, a subsidiary of the Crown corporation Alberta Innovates.

"They're often boots on the ground. They spend a good part of their day, many of them, practising their traditional rites: hunting, fishing, collecting berries and medicines."



Alberta has a program in the works that aims to improve pipeline monitoring by enlisting indigenous people in the effort. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

InnoTech expects the first phase of a feasibility study would include reviews of existing industry practices and training programs, the design of a "pipeline monitoring 101" program and a market survey to determine job potential for trainees.

The next phase could involve training 10 to 15 indigenous people from at least three communities.

"If we could reduce the response time in people finding these leaks and affecting some sort of first response, I think that would go a far way," said Chai, who added participants could be taught to use drones or sniffer dogs to help detect pipeline problems.

Ron Mistafa, a dog trainer who spent several years in the Calgary police K-9 unit, said Chai approached him about getting involved in the nascent project.

"There's enough work and enough pipeline, especially old pipelines, to keep everybody busy," said Mistafa, head of Detector Dog Services International.

Byron Bates, a councillor with the Fort McMurray #468 First Nation, said getting indigenous people more involved sounds like a good idea.

"If this is land that their families have lived on for thousands of years, they know the land better than anybody," he said.

> If this is land that their families have lived on for thousands of years, they know the land better than anybody.
> Byron Bates

The community understands firsthand what can happen when something goes wrong with a nearby pipeline. In July 2015, a year-old pipeline ruptured at Nexen Energy's Long Lake oilsands site and spilled about five million litres of bitumen, sand and produced water southeast of Fort McMurray, Alta.

But Bates said benefits the industry has brought to the community can't be dismissed.

"If our First Nation had to live off the money we get from the federal government alone, we would be living in poverty." THE CANADIAN PRESS

DRUNK DRIVING

Harsher sentences called into question

Experts are questioning whether a recent trend toward stiffer sentences for those who kill someone while drinking and driving are doing much to solve the problem.

Earlier this week, an Ontario judge acknowledged that recent high-profile decisions have established new precedents for the sorts of sentences drunk drivers can face if they cause a death.

Justice Cary Boswell referenced several examples, including the 10-year sentence handed down to Marco Muzzo after he killed three children and their grandfather while intoxicated. He then continued the trend by sentencing Marcello Fracassi to six years behind bars for fatally striking a city worker.

Experts agree that judges have been handing down harsher sentences, saying only B.C. appears to be bucking the national trend. But they also say the tougher sentences fail in their stated aims of deterring drunk drivers.

Andrew Murie, chief executive of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, said motorists are more deterred by the possibility of getting caught, not the consequences of a hypothetical tragedy.

"It's not a deterrent," Murie said. "It never has been, it never will."

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) said drunk driving has consistently accounted for nearly a third of deaths on Canada's roads for years.

TIRF Research Associate Steve Brown pointed to a number of proven deterrents that have emerged, including graduated licensing programs with zero tolerance for alcohol on young drivers and administrative suspension powers accorded to the provinces.

22%

Number of Canadians who admit driving within two hours of drinking, up 5 per cent from the year before, according to TIRF's 2016 Road Safety Monitor

But he shares Murie's views that stiff penalties are not a driving factor.

"There's going to be some people out there, it doesn't matter how strict the laws are, how tough the sentences are, there's this perception that they can get away with it," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MILITARY

Commit to aid: Ukraine

Ukraine's envoy says his country is growing concerned about whether Canada will continue its future military support to his country to help it deter Russian aggression.

Canada has deployed 200 troops to Ukraine in a non-combat mission working with Ukrainian troops on marksmanship, communication, survival and ethics training. The mission is set to expire at the end of March.

But with thousands of U.S. troops arriving in Poland and neighbouring countries to bolster NATO forces, Ukraine is anxious to see an extension of Canada's commitment to it.

"It has taken us much longer than we expected to discuss the future format of our co-operation," said Andriy Shevchenko, the Ukrainian ambassador to Canada. Shevchenko suggested Canada might be wary in light of its upcoming military responsibilities in Latvia.

"Those people who sit in the Kremlin and plan their other terrible activities in Ukraine, the sooner they learn that the West and Canada is serious about future co-operation, the better it is." THE CANADIAN PRESS



SERBIA AND KOSOVO

Train sets off crisis in Balkans

A Serbian train halted at the border with Kosovo and bearing signs reading "Kosovo is Serbian" has fuelled a major crisis in the Balkans and escalated a potential Russia-West row over dominance in the war-torn region.

Serbia accused Kosovo's leaders on Sunday of "wanting war" and warned that it would defend "every inch" of its territory, a day after the train, provocatively decorated in Serbian Christian Orthodox symbols and flags, was prevented from entering the neighbouring nation.

Kosovo, supported by much of the West, declared independence from Serbia in 2008. But Serbia and its Slavic Orthodox ally, Russia, do not recognize the split. Serbia has sought to maintain influence in Kosovo's north, where most of the country's Serb minority lives.

Kosovo Prime Minister Isa Mustafa said he had contacted the U.S. and the European Union.

"The time of provocation, conflicts and wars should belong to the past," Mustafa said.

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DISASTER

Protect migrants, Pope says as sea search goes on

Pope Francis demanded Sunday that "every possible measure" be taken to protect young refugees, as search-and-rescue efforts continued off Libya's coast following the latest deadly migrant shipwreck.

Italy's coast guard said only four people survived the sinking of a migrant ship carrying around 100 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Sen. Elizabeth Warren has pushed back against several of President-elect Donald Trump's decisions in just the past few weeks.

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Warren vs. Trump

U.S. POLITICS

President-elect's top Democratic foil embracing the fight

Donald Trump's election has propelled Sen. Elizabeth Warren into an even sharper partisan spotlight as she embraces her role as a top Democratic foil to the Republican president-elect.

In just the past few weeks, Warren has penned a scathing 16-page critique of Trump's nominee for education secretary, Betsy DeVos; grilled his pick for housing secretary, Ben Carson; co-sponsored legislation requiring the president and vice-president to disclose and divest any potential financial conflicts of interest; and signed onto legislation to block the creation of a federal religious registry.

The Massachusetts Democrat is leaning on every lever of power she has — from her fundraising prowess to her social media accounts — to position herself as a leading voice of a party in political exile.

"My priorities haven't changes since the day I got into office," Warren said.

> What the Republicans are doing is irresponsible and cruel.
> Elizabeth Warren on the push to repeal Obamacare

"I see my job as making sure the voices of ordinary people aren't drowned out in Washington by those who have money and power."

Her list of grievances with Trump is long and growing longer.

But in a shift from the campaign, when Warren lobbed Twitter grenade after Twitter grenade to get under Trump's skin, she says her criticism is now more focused on her top priority: the economic well-being of middle- and working-class families.

She has excoriated Trump's pick for Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, saying he profited from the foreclosure crisis; called out Trump's Department of Labor nominee, fast food entrepreneur Andrew Puzder, after hearing from workers who said they were underpaid, had their wages stolen, and were forced to work in unsafe conditions; and vowed to fight to protect President Barack Obama's health-care law and preserve the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which she helped create.

"The Republicans have put us on the path to repealing the ACA (Affordable Care Act), and that will make a profound difference in the lives of millions of Americans," Warren said. "I'm all for making the ACA better, but not for throwing it out. What the Republicans are doing is irresponsible and cruel."

Warren won't say whether she is prepping for a possible 2020 run for president, although she has announced plans to run for re-election in 2018, making the case for a second term in part by again pointing to "Donald Trump and his team of billionaires, bigots, and Wall Street bankers" in an email to supporters.

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DONALD DIGEST

A roundup of other news about the president-elect

Outgoing CIA chief rips into Trump on Russia threat

The outgoing CIA director charged on Sunday that Donald Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

Kremlin counts days to inauguration, blasts Obama

With eager anticipation, the Kremlin is counting the days to Donald Trump's inauguration and venting its anger at Barack Obama's outgoing administration, no holds barred.

Thousands rally to resist health law repeal drive

Thousands of people showed up in freezing temperatures on Sunday in Michigan to hear Sen. Bernie Sanders denounce Republican efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, one of dozens of rallies Democrats staged across the country to highlight opposition.

White House media corps could be relocated

Routine media access to the White House could be a thing of the past under Donald Trump's presidency, with top officials of the incoming administration saying Sunday that they're exploring more spacious options nearby.

The news, first reported Sunday, raised alarms that it was the end to the longstanding tradition of daily press briefings in the White House, a reflection of Trump's contentious relationship with the news media.

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Nations push for two-state solution

Sending a forceful message to Israel's prime minister and the incoming Trump administration, dozens of countries Sunday called on Israel and the Palestinians to revive work toward long-elusive peace — including an independent Palestinian state.

The closing declaration at a Mideast peace conference in Paris urged both sides to "officially restate their commitment to the two-state solution" and disassociate from voices that reject this. It also warned them against taking one-sided actions that could hurt talks, an apparent reference to Israeli settlement building.



More than 70 diplomats gathered Sunday in Paris. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While the Palestinians welcomed Sunday's declaration, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the conference "rigged" and cooked up to force Israel to accept conditions against national interests.

The French organizers argued the conference was necessary to keep hopes alive for a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians — the solution favoured by the international community for the past two decades.

Many members of Netanyahu's coalition want to abandon the two-state solution and expand settlements, and some have even called for annexing parts of the West Bank.

In a nod to Israel, the final declaration of Sunday's conference included criticism of incitement and "terror," a reference to Palestinian attacks. And some of the pro-Palestinian language in an earlier draft was removed after diplomats huddled in Paris.

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Bahrain rallies turn violent over executions

Bahrain on Sunday carried out its first executions since an Arab Spring uprising rocked the country in 2011, putting to death three men found guilty of a deadly bomb attack on police.

The executions of the Shiite men drew swift condemnation from human-rights groups and sparked intense protests by opponents of the Sunni-ruled government, who see the charges as politically motivated. Activists allege that testimony used against the condemned men was obtained through torture.

Hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets in several predominantly Shiite communities to protest the executions.

The rallies at times turned violent as youth hurled projectiles and petrol bombs while police responded with birdshot and tear gas, witnesses said. The sound of gunfire could be heard into the night.

Bahrain's public prosecution said the death sentences were carried out by firing squad.

The executions were the first in the U.S.-allied nation since 2010 and followed a spike in protests in solidarity with the convicted men.

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When trademarks become offensive

FIRST AMENDMENT

Law restricting names is pitted against free speech

The Slants aren't exactly a household name when it comes to music, but the Asian-American rock band has certainly made its mark in the legal world.

The Oregon-based group has spent years locked in a First Amendment battle with the government, which refuses to register a trademark for the band's name because it's considered offensive to Asians.

That fight will play out Wednesday in the nation's highest court as the justices consider whether a law barring disparaging trademarks violates the band's free-speech rights.

For Slants founder Simon Tam, the name was chosen not to offend, but to take on stereotypes about Asian culture. He says the band is reclaiming a term once used as an insult and transforming it into a statement of cultural pride.

"Words aren't equipped with venomous impact on their own," he said in an interview. "They have to be tied to motive and rooted in context."

But the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office didn't see it that way. It refused to register the name in 2011, saying a trademark can be disparaging even if it's meant to be used in a positive light.

A divided federal appeals court handed the band a victory four years later, ruling that the law prohibiting offensive trademarks is unconstitutional.

If the decision is upheld, the government warns it will be forced "to register, publish and transmit to foreign countries marks containing crude references to women based on parts of their anatomy; the most repellent racial slurs and white supremacist slogans; and demeaning illustrations of the prophet Mohammed and other religious figures."

Yet the trademark office has approved plenty of crude and offensive trademarks in the past. Those include: Afro Saxons and Dago Swagg clothing, Baked By A Negro bakery products, Retardipedia and Celebretards entertainment services, and the hip-hop band N.W.A., an acronym that includes a racial slur against African-Americans.

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REDSKINS

The Washington Redskins had hoped to piggyback on the Slants case and have the Supreme Court hear their dispute at the same time. While the justices declined the request, a Virginia federal appeals court has put their case on hold pending the outcome of the Slants case.



ELECTRONIC WASTE MOUNTAIN FINGER POINTS TO CHINA The waste from discarded electronic gadgets and electrical appliances has increased by two-thirds in East Asia over five years, posing a growing threat to health and the environment unless proper disposal becomes the norm. The United Nations University says China is the biggest culprit with its electronic waste more than doubling. Rising incomes in Asia, burgeoning populations of young adults, rapid obsolescence of products due to technological innovation and changes in fashion, on top of illegal global trade in waste, are among factors driving the growth.
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BREXIT

Britain toughens stance
Britain's leaders on Sunday signalled their resolve to play hardball in talks with the European Union, suggesting they will look for partners elsewhere if the bloc restricts access to its market. The comments come amid a standoff over migration. While Britain wants to curtail immigration from Europe, the EU says it must abide by rules guaranteeing the free movement of people.
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POWER PLANTS

Renewable energy poses new storage challenges

The rise of renewable power has created a need for energy storage that companies are fulfilling with underwater balloons, multi-tonne flywheels and decades-old designs.

The need for energy storage comes from the temporary and sometimes unpredictable nature of renewable energy. The wind doesn't always blow and the sun doesn't always shine.

Power companies and utilities have been looking to compensate for that with what amount to giant batteries and smooth out delivery, storing energy in times of low demand and distributing it when demand is high.

Northland Power has been developing a 400-megawatt pumped storage project that takes the form of an old flooded mine, sitting on a plateau just outside of Marmora, Ont.

The project pumps water up into the mine pit when there's extra energy, and then lets it run out through a turbine when more energy is needed.

Meanwhile, TransAlta Corp. is dusting off half-century-old plans to expand its Brazeau hydroelectric project.

Similar to Northland's Marmora project, the pumped storage operation would allow the plant to pump water back up to the reservoirs of the existing hydro project.

The project was slated to be the company's next hydro project in the 1960s before coal power became economical in Alberta.

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TransAlta's Brazeau hydroelectric project is looking at dusting off half-century-old plans to pump stored water to the hydro plant in times of need. CONTRIBUTED TRANSALTA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In turbulent times, some people take a stand. This week, Metro is dedicating this page to activism in a testament to those who are willing to act, and not just talk, when it's needed the most.

URBAN ETIQUETTE **ELLEN VANSTONE**



THE QUESTION

How do I tell my friends that they're wrong to disparage the Women's March in Washington?



Dear Ellen,

When I heard about the Women's March in Washington on January 21, I immediately signed up and thought all my friends would too. But some of them think it's a silly idea. How do I politely tell them they're wrong, and that all people should be mobilizing for women's rights?

Maddie

Dear Maddie,

Indeed. I'm constantly shocked when people I'm close to don't agree with my point of view. I feel the world would be a much better place if everyone thought and acted as I did — though I admit there would be less fine cooking and probably way too many people cutting their own hair.

I too signed up for the women's march the second I heard about it. And even if going to Washington isn't feasible, or affordable, for some, I figured every reasonable, decent person I knew would want to support the march, or join a local event in support of it, or at least "like" the effort on Facebook.

Nope. Not only did some friends reject the idea, my best friend from Grade 1, who moved to the U.S. years ago, told me on Facebook that she voted for Trump.

Before the election, I would've argued with her, or at least cut her off. Since the election, I've reconsidered my approach. I'm not as smug as I used to be. I'm really sick of angry divisiveness. Instead of clobbering people with my superior beliefs, or acidly mocking theirs, I figure it's time to stop talking and start acting in a way that might do some good in the world.

So while I don't understand how my otherwise reasonable, decent American friend could support such an unreasonable, indecent candidate, I'm ready to listen to her reasons if she ever wants to discuss them with me.

In the meantime, I'll march in Washington this Saturday — not as an act of dissent or display of anger. But in an effort to promote the values that so many people before us have fought and too often died for.

I'll march to draw attention to the "women's" issues that actually affect men. As former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan once pointed out, gender equality is good for men and women: "Families are healthier, they are better fed, their income, savings and reinvestment go up."

I'll march as a role model so girls and boys can see people standing up for what they believe in in a democratic society.

I'll march because this event isn't just about sexism; it's also about the damage our patriarchy does to people of colour, and to individuals who are gay, lesbian, transgender, disabled.

I'll march as a message to the Trump knock-offs in Canada who are currently vying to lead the Conservative Party. I won't give them any free ink by naming them here.

So, Maddie, don't worry about friends who don't understand. Those of us who do march will help spread a message of strength and hope for women, men and children of every stripe, everywhere.



FIELD GUIDE An activist needs an active mind

Social movements involve action but also learning and study. In his book Learning Activism, Prof. Aziz Choudry of McGill University argues intellectual work in social movements is underappreciated, and that anyone who wants to fight for change needs to first find "access to what others have learned, in the past, or elsewhere, from a different positioning in society."



VICKY MOCHAMA

In case of apathy, open this box

When George Zimmerman was found not guilty of the murder of Trayvon Martin, I was furious. Not at the verdict but at the people around me.

(The verdict seemed oddly foretold; black people's weariness and skepticism of the justice system isn't a matter of cultural indifference but of evidence-based policy.)

The people around me at the time — most of them white — were silent and remained so while I embarked on a reckoning. Twitter, where I had been following the trial, became my classroom. Black people became my teachers. Black women, especially, gave colour and context to experiences I had dealt with my whole life.

But my white friends — smart, kind, humane people — had been left behind. Which is why I was intrigued by the premise of Safety Pin Box. Created by two Black Lives Matter activists from Seattle, Safety Pin Box is a monthly subscription service that is trying to develop true allies out of white people. Building on the idea that safety pins could be worn as symbols of safety and allyship, the company wants to turn away from symbolic gestures and towards real actions toward cultural change.

I spoke to Marissa Johnson, one of the company's founders. "It's not policy that drives social change," she said. "It's culture. What we're really trying to do is change the culture and change the social norms around white."

The company's creators have taken from their activism — Johnson once disrupted a Bernie Sanders speech to speak out against police brutality — and woven it into the fabric of Safety Pin box.

Each month, subscribers receive a series of tasks and questions designed around a theme related to black political life. One example Johnson gave was of an elderly black women. By asking questions — "Where are older black women in your community? Where do they spend time?" — they highlighted an often overlooked contingent of the black activist community. As a result, Johnson said one subscriber, an Uber driver, now offered free rides to elderly black women when he could.

Safety Pin box isn't the only company to form around activist ideas. Noir Reads is a recently launched subscription service that delivers books by black authors from across the globe. Signalling one's politics for a profit isn't revolutionary: let she who did not wear a Che Guevara shirt throughout high school cast the first stone. But to do so in a way that deepens and continues the fight for radical change is.

As Johnson says, "White guilt is good when it motivates you to do better."

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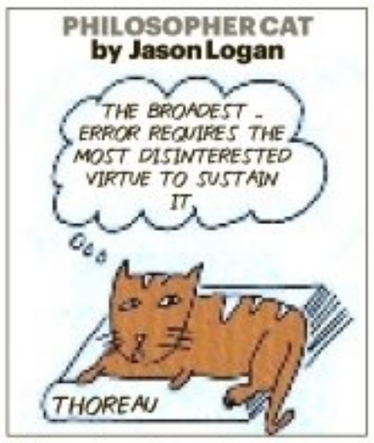
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Reel politics of horror movies

CULTURE

Best genre films made in time of social upheaval

Chris Alexander
For Metro Canada

There are a great number of human beings on the face of this planet who are dreading Jan. 20. For them, the day represents an affirmation that, despite the progress we've made globally as a civilization, a certain kind of regressive thinking has trumped all. On Inauguration Day, an allegedly sexist, xenophobic, socially volatile Twitter bully becomes the leader of the free world.

While you cannot rightly predict the future, a majority of those in the arts are aghast at what may come. The good news: when creative-types are afraid, their juices start-a-flowing. And, if said types just happen to make horror movies, well, buckle up, suckers! Horror history has proven the greatest and most influential movies in the genre sprout up when there is social and political unrest.

Rise of Hitler

During the early days of cinema in Germany, when filmmakers were inventing a sort of style later dubbed "expressionist," they were mirroring their anxieties over the rise of **Adolph Hitler** and his Nazi Party, which he became leader of in 1921. One of the most influential films from this period was F.W. Murnau's nightmarish adaptation of Dracula, 1922's **Nosferatu**, which features the dreaded Count Orlock (Max Shreck) bringing death, misery and rat-spread plague to an unsuspecting people. Whether intentional or not, the vampire exemplifies the coming of evil and how powerless society felt to stop its rise.



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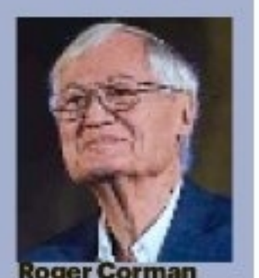
Today's anxieties

B-Movie legend Roger Corman has just released the film Death Race 2050, a violent, satirical sequel to his equally outrageous 1975 cult favourite Death Race 2000. Both films depict a blood-hungry, disenfranchised America addicted to a car-racing game show that sees its WWE-esque driver/gladiators mowing down the weakest pedestrians for extra points and audience enthusiasm.

"I felt the time was right for another Death Race," 90-year-old Corman said about the film, which features a Donald Trump-esque dictator (played by a comb-over sporting Malcolm McDowell) lording over the country, now called The United Corporations of America. "I am worried about what is happening now, let's put it that way. But I believe in the Constitution. I believe strongly that the values of the American Constitution will prevail."

Since Corman, who has made hundreds of movies over the past 60 years, has seen numerous governments and politicians rise and fall, we are cautiously optimistic he's right.

No matter what happens, many film fans are intrigued to see the inevitable wave of confrontational and reflective horror films to come — like Jordan Peele's race-based shocker Get Out, in which a young black man becomes trapped in a secret white suburb that turns its African American residents into mindless, grinning drones; or the socio-political zombie movie The Girl With All the Gifts, wherein a dying world under siege by a fungal zombie plague uses its infected children as test subjects and worse; and the health-care allegory A Cure For Wellness, in which a sinister high-end spa keeps its patients deathly sick so that they'll never, ever leave. The world may be going mad, but macabre movie-making is alive and thriving.



Roger Corman



World War II

While Hitler was taking over Europe in the 1930s, many of the key expressionist filmmakers in Germany fled to Hollywood, where they were hired to make the first wave of American horror films. They included cinematographer Karl Fruend who would direct such essential films as 1932's **The Mummy** (the likes of which will see a remake released this year). Though more romantic in nature, the monster movies of the 1930s tapped into the unease of a country that feared that transformation was coming, that the Frankenstein monster was a First World War-defeated Germany rising to get revenge.





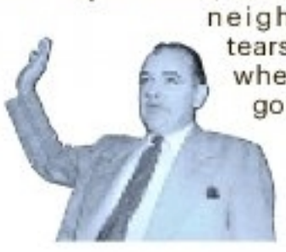
Post War

As the Second World War progressed, the supernatural horror film gave birth to the morally ambiguous and wildly cynical films of the "noir" subgenre, in which human monsters were a far more urgent threat on the home front. **When the war ended with a nuclear explosion**, the Japanese gave us **Godzilla** (1954), a long-dormant, city-levelling mutant woken up by the bombing of Hiroshima. America answered with their own brand of radiated beasts, like the giant ants in 1954's Them and an endless spate of apocalyptic horrors that only got more savage as the Cold War raged and fears of impending nuclear holocaust became a palpable reality.



The Red Scare

With the Cold War came **Senator Joseph McCarthy's communist witch hunt** and the terror of losing one's identity. On screens were paranoid "alien invasion" movies like 1956's **Invasion of the Body Snatchers** (with "pod people" de-humanizing average citizens) and later Rod Serling's influential TV series The Twilight Zone, which features such episodes as The Monsters are Due on Maple Street, where a terrified neighbourhood tears itself apart when the lights go out and their machines stop working.





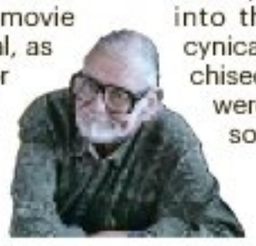
Vietnam War

With the start of the Vietnam War, American families were treated to daily scenes of death and misery in their homes on the six o'clock news. The Civil Rights movement swelled too, with the lid ripped off the seething sheen of racism that lurked everywhere. Horror films answered the reflective mood. **George A. Romero's landmark 1968 horror movie Night of the Living Dead** had an African American hero who is killed at the climax. Though Romero claims the movie was not intentionally political, as he was driving to New York for its premiere, he turned on the radio to learn that Martin Luther King had been assassinated. Intentional or not, art was reflecting life.



'80s and '90s

Despite the ire raised by angry censors and religious groups, the slasher movies of the **Ronald Reagan**-era 1980s (like Friday the 13th and **Nightmare on Elm Street**) were in fact incredibly conservative. In them, young people who transgress and sneer at conservative values are cut to ribbons while only the virginal and virtuous survive. In the 1990s, with George H.W. Bush and the Gulf War, Scream (1996) tapped into the pulse of cynical, disenfranchised youth who were no longer so naïve.

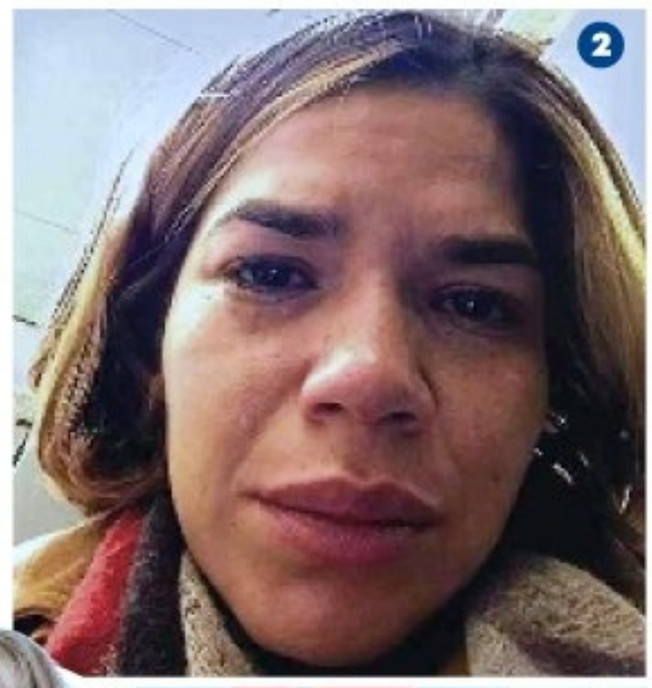




Celebs set to march for women

Celebrities may be dropping out of Donald Trump's inauguration festivities faster than you can say "social media backlash," but Hollywood is turning out in force for the Women's March on Washington. Here are the most notable names, and some influential Canadians, who will be making their voices heard in Washington D.C. and at local marches on Jan. 21. GENNA BUCK/METRO











1. Katy Perry

The Firework singer, who stumped for Hillary Clinton during her campaign, declared on Twitter "SISTERS ARE DOIN' IT FOR THEMSELVES!" as she announced her plans to attend the march.

2. America Ferrera

The Superstore actress took this selfie that shows tears on her face after Trump got elected, saying she was experiencing grief and sadness. Ferrera has since mobilized into action, once again. On Saturday she Instagrammed this poster with the caption "My brown, immigrant, vagina-having ass will be there!"

She will chair the artist table at the march in D.C. "As artists, women, and most importantly dedicated Americans, it is critical that we stand together in solidarity for the protection, dignity and rights of our communities," she said in a statement.

3. Chelsea Handler

The TV host and veteran stand-up comic will lead a sister march in Park City, Utah, one of hundreds of solidarity marches planned around the United States and the world.

4. Amy Schumer

This politically outspoken comedy darling called Trump a "an orange, sexual-assaulting, fake-college-starting monster" at one of her shows. She Instagrammed a photo of herself wearing Pussyhat Project gear last week, writing "See you at the march!"

5. Scarlett Johansson

The Avengers actor is a longtime supporter of Planned Parenthood. She told Variety that attacks on reproductive choice from Trump and Republicans are "pretty terrifying." She said she's attending the march to make her voice heard and stand up for what she believes in.

NOTABLE CANADIANS SUPPORTING THE MARCHES ACROSS CANADA AND IN THE U.S.


KYLE PRETZLAFF/VIA NASRA ADEM FACEBOOK

Nasra Adem
Edmonton's Youth Poet Laureate and curator of Sister 2 Sister arts collective will share a poem in Edmonton.



k.d. lang
The singer is attending the march in Calgary.



Sandra Jansen
The member of legislative assembly for Calgary North West is scheduled to speak.



Francyne Joe
The head of the National Native Women's Association of Canada is speaking in Ottawa.



Béatrice Vaugrante
The general director of Amnesty International Canada will speak in Montreal.

Social media
Former Torontonian Samantha Bee is reportedly attending in D.C., while Ontario MPP Cheri DiNovo, actress Pamela Anderson and singer Joel Plaskett have tweeted support for the marches.





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"There are certain games that you want to get up more so than others": The Warriors' Draymond Green on tonight's game in Cleveland vs. the Cavs

Tigres unlock Herd PK

QMJHL

Mooseheads special team succumbs after string of stops

Jonathan Briggins
For Metro | Halifax

After six games without giving up a power-play goal, the Victoriaville Tigres solved the Halifax Mooseheads' tough penalty kill.

A trio of goals with the man advantage by the Tigres were enough to defeat the Mooseheads 3-2 on Sunday afternoon at Scotiabank Centre. The last time Halifax's penalty kill conceded a goal was Dec. 31 as the team killed off 34-straight penalties and picked up five wins in the process.

"Every game you have to learn something. We lost 3-2. It's always fun when we win, but it's rough to lose. We'll figure it out and come back harder next time," said sophomore Arnaud Durandeau.

Halifax struggled on the power play, failing to score in six attempts. The best chance came in the second period when Victoriaville's Christopher Lanouette was handed a five-minute major and game misconduct for a hit to the head of Ben Higgins.

The advantage came to an end early as both teams combined for seven penalties in the second period. Higgins was able to finish the game.

"It's tough because you play your best hockey when you're composed. When you're taking penalties and getting power plays, your energy and emotions are up and down. Not everybody on the ice has a regular shift because of the penalties," said forward Brett Crossley.

Entering the night, Victoriaville's Russian winger Ivan Kosorenkov and Halifax's Swiss centre Nico Hischier were tied for the league's rookie goal-scoring lead with 28 each. Kosorenkov opened the scoring to temporarily take the lead, but a pair of third-period goals put Hischier back in the lead with 30 — good enough for second overall in the QMJHL.

Last season, Max Fortier was the only Moosehead to reach the 30-goal plateau.

Hischier's third-period goals evened it 2-2, but Victoriaville's points leader Alexandre Goulet scored to retake the lead with the eventual game winner.

James Povall had 35 saves to pick up the win for the Tigres while Blade Mann-Dixon had 21 saves for the Mooseheads in the loss.

Victoriaville was without top NHL draft prospect Maxime Comtois after he aggravated an injury on Friday night.



The Victoriaville Tigres' Justin Doucet, right, sends Halifax Mooseheads winger Keigan Goetz flying during QMJHL action at the Scotiabank Centre on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

UP NEXT

The Mooseheads head north on Tuesday to face the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles at Centre 200. After winning the first two meetings this season, Halifax has dropped four straight to its division rivals.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Cowboys kicked out by Packers

SUNDAY In Arlington

34 31

This time it was a catch, and another win for the Green Bay Packers.

Call it a "Half Mary" from Aaron Rodgers.

Rodgers threw a 36-yard pass to a toe-dragging Jared Cook on the sideline, and Mason Crosby kicked a 51-yard field goal as time expired, sending the Packers to the NFC championship game with their eighth straight win while thwarting a huge Dallas rally in a 34-31 victory in the divisional round of the playoffs Sunday.

The throw on the run from Rodgers to Cook — confirmed on review — wasn't nearly as debatable as Dez Bryant's famous catch that wasn't in the Cowboys' divisional round loss to Green Bay two years ago.

Cook kept both feet inbounds with a knee just above the ground out of bounds.

And it came after the Cowboys tied the game twice in the final five minutes behind rookie sensations Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott in their playoff debut.

It was the third field goal of more than 50 yards in the final 1:38 — two from Crosby and one from Dallas' Dan Bailey.

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Mason Crosby kicks the winning field goal on Sunday.
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SKI CROSS

Thompson racks up another victory

Marielle Thompson of Whistler, B.C., saved her best run for last on Sunday, winning gold in women's ski cross while Calgary's Brady Leman took silver in the men's event at the World Cup in Watles, Italy.

Thompson took an early lead in the final heat and held it all the way down the track to win the title.

It was the fourth victory of the season for the overall World Cup leader.

Leman earned his second silver in as many days, making it his fourth podium finish of the season.

Switzerland's Alex Fiva won the men's race ahead of Leman and Switzerland's Armin Niederer.

Georgia Simmerling of West Vancouver, B.C, won a silver on Saturday in the women's event, but crashed on Sunday over the finish line in her semi-final. The hard crash sidelined her for the final.

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SKIING

Canadians golden in cross-country team sprint

Canadians Alex Harvey and Lenny Valjas, won gold in the team sprint on Sunday at a cross-country skiing World Cup.

Harvey, from Saint Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que., and Toronto's Valjas played air guitar on their skis in the finish area after winning in 16 minutes 2.11 seconds.

It was the first time Canada has won a team sprint event since the 2011 world championships.

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PRO WRESTLING

WWF legend Snuka succumbs to cancer



Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

Professional wrestling legend Jimmy (Superfly) Snuka has died at the age of 73 from stomach cancer, according to reports.

Best known for his tenure in the then-World Wrestling Federation during the 1980s, the high-flying Fijian shot to fame for his acrobatic moves, bodybuilder-style physique, and on-screen feuds with fellow wrestling stars like Rowdy Roddy Piper.

He was inducted into the WWE hall of fame in 1996.

Snuka made headlines later in life for his alleged connection to the 1983 death of his girlfriend, which authorities suspected was a homicide. Snuka was arrested and charged with third-degree murder in 2015, but the charges were dismissed when the former wrestler was deemed unfit to stand trial due to ill health.

Caps flatten Flyers for 9th straight win

NHL

Ovechkin and Co. ascend to top of standings

SUNDAY In Washington

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CAPITALS	FLYERS

The Washington Capitals showed they could get away with a slow start and still pull out another win.

Despite a sluggish beginning that forced backup goaltender Philipp Grubauer to be on top of his game, the Capitals' offence came to life in a 5-0 blowout of the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday.

Washington has won a season-best nine in a row to climb atop the Metropolitan Division, Eastern Conference and NHL standings with 63 points.

The Capitals have beaten New Jersey, Ottawa (twice), Toronto, Columbus, Montreal, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Philadelphia and outscored those opponents 40-11 over this stretch. They haven't allowed an even-strength goal in 298:54.

"I think guys are enjoying coming to the rink right now," said defenceman Matt Niskanen, who scored twice in a span of 2:27 in the third period.

"We're getting some offence, but we're also getting some shutouts mixed in there, too, so that's a good sign. We're playing really good hockey, still room to grow I think in the long term, but it's pretty fun right now."

It doesn't get much more fun than four goals on seven shots in five minutes early in the third period, the onslaught the Capitals piled on the Flyers with two goals each by Niskanen and winger Justin Williams.

Grubauer was sharp especially early and on five successful penalty kills and made 24 saves, and Andre Burakovsky scored a power-play goal in the second period to fluster Philadelphia.

"The first two periods we played excellent road periods," Flyers coach Dave Hakstol said.

"We didn't give up much and had a little bit better of the chances. But it got away from us in five minutes at the start of the third period."

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The Capitals' Alex Ovechkin battles Andrew MacDonald of the Flyers for the puck on Sunday. NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DeRozan, Lowry efficient for Raps

SUNDAY In Toronto

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Late in the third quarter Sunday afternoon, Kyle Lowry threw his arms in the air gesturing the Air Canada Centre crowd to stand up and cheer.

The fans needed little prodding.

Lowry had just fed DeMar DeRozan for a driving dunk as part of a thoroughly dominant third-quarter performance by the Toronto Raptors, en route to a 116-101 victory over a horrible New York Knicks team.

With their 27th victory coming one game before the midway point of the NBA season, the Raptors are guaranteed of at least tying their best first half in franchise history: 27-14 in 2014-15. And they've already topped the 26 wins they had at the midway point last season en route to a franchise-best 49-win regular season.

The difference this season?

"We're not putting ourselves in predicaments where we've got to fight extremely hard just to get back in the game, with a run late like we did last year," DeRozan said. "We're taking advantage of the third and fourth quarters to come out even more aggressive, and it's paying off."

DeRozan finished with 23 points, while Lowry had 16 to go with nine assists, in just 28 minutes of action apiece. The two all-stars spent the fourth quarter on the bench.

Jonas Valanciunas recorded his 15th double-double of the season with 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Raptors (27-13), who are 8-0 against Atlantic Division opponents.

Carmelo Anthony had 18 points to top the Knicks (18-23), while Derrick Rose — who landed in hot water earlier in the week after missing a game without notice to return to Chicago for a family emergency — added 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Indiana continues to dominate Rutgers

James Blackmon Jr. scored 16 points and OG Anunoby had 11 points and seven steals Sunday to lead Indiana past Rutgers 76-57 in NCAA men's basketball.

It was the Hoosiers' (12-6, 2-3 Big Ten) second win in six games.

Corey Sanders scored 15 of his 17 points in the first half and C.J. Gettys added 12 points and seven rebounds for Rutgers (11-8, 0-6), which has lost five in a row to Indiana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India beats England by three wickets

Virat Kohli and Kedar Jadhav put on 200 runs for the fifth wicket as India scored 356-7 in 48.1 overs to seal a stunning win by three wickets in the first one-day international against England in Pune, India, on Sunday.

Kohli scored 122 runs off 105 balls, including eight fours and five sixes, while Jadhav hit 120 runs off 76 balls as they rescued India from a precarious 63-4 in just under 12 overs.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Creamy Black Bean Soup



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This soup will bring you to warmer temperatures of the Southwest.

Ready in 50 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
For the soup:
- 2 or 3 slices bacon
- chopped (optional)
- glug of olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 carrots, chopped small
- 2 stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 bunch cilantro, washed well, stems minced (keep leaves for salsa)
- 1 tsp cumin
- 2 19-oz cans of black beans, rinsed
- 1 litre container low sodium chicken stock
- pinch of pepper

For the Salsa:
- 1/2 ripe avocado, diced
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 tomato diced
- handful of cilantro leaves
- 1 Tbsp of olive oil
- pinch of chili pepper, minced (add more if you want more kick)

Directions
1. In a heavy-bottomed large pot, saute bacon in a bit of olive oil over medium until they crisp. Add onion, garlic, cilantro stalks, carrots and celery and allow to soften, about 5 minutes. Add cumin and cook for another minute. Pour in rinsed beans and stock. Cover and simmer up to 40 minutes over very low heat. Stir every 5 minutes.

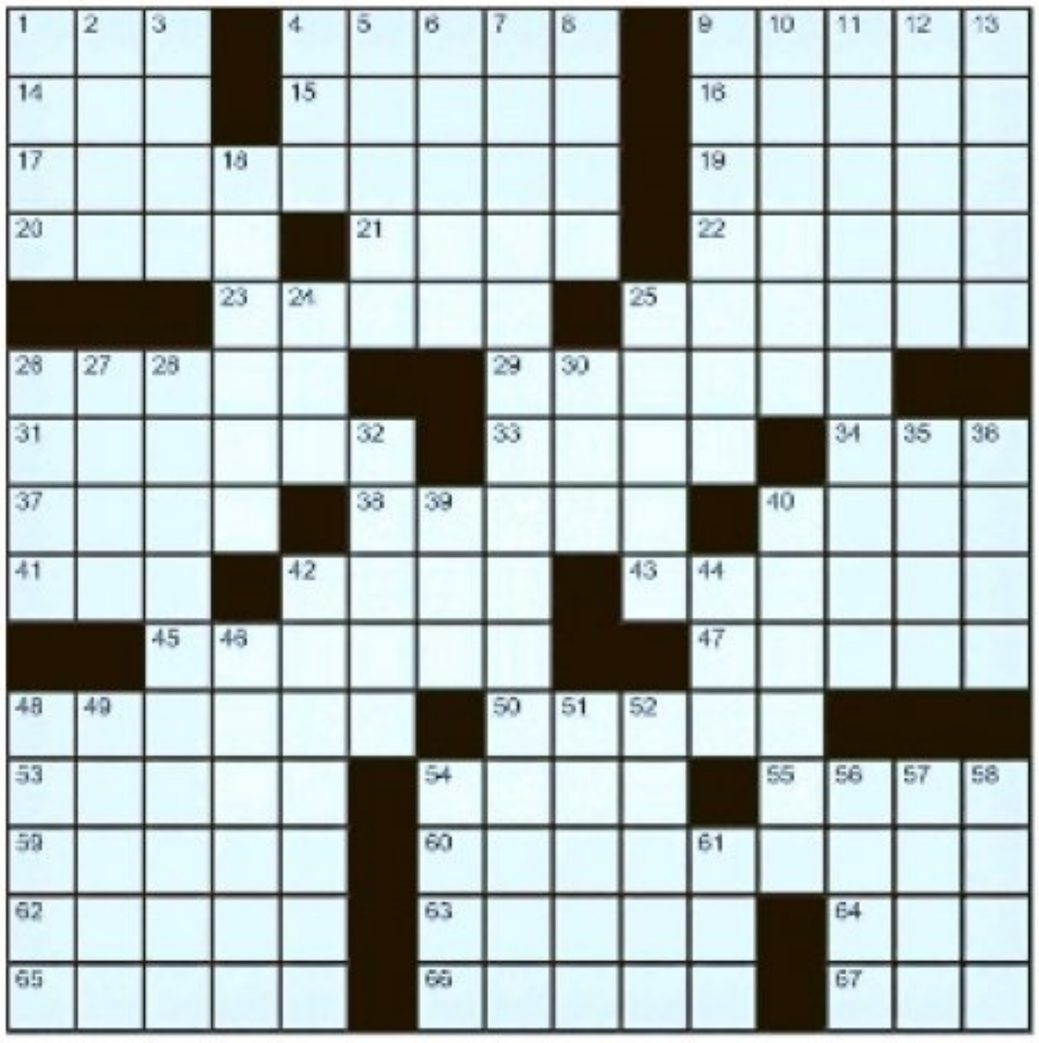
2. Chop up your salsa ingredients and let them sit together in a bowl to let flavours develop.

3. Take soup off heat and cool. Use a blender to puree in small batches or an immersion blender to make a puree. Season to taste. Serve plain or with plain yogurt and salsa.

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1. Alfred E. Neuman's magazine
4. Montrealer's 'thanks'
9. Stinging insects
14. Pres. Lincoln
15. Declares with certainty
16. Nifty neckwear
17. 'We Are Experiencing _ Difficulties'
19. Marshy tract
20. Blackthorn fruit
21. Lounge/idle
22. Veronica Lodge's father in Archie Comics
23. Hoarse
25. They're used in the prep of apple desserts
26. Someone sulking
29. "You _ Be Dancing" by The Bee Gees
31. State not attached to The States
33. Lemony
34. Aye
37. Delicate, as doilies
38. Tree _ (Forest 'chair')
40. Legendary Canuck comedy sketch series
41. 'Impress' suffix
42. CEO's "Now!"
43. Beethoven's 'Moonlight'
45. Deli sandwich ingredient
47. Ceremonies
48. Wine from Spain
50. Harped on
53. Second Cup offering
54. Shredded cabbage
55. Hint
59. Ancient seaport of Rome
60. Silverware maintenance chore
62. War horse
63. Barbra Streisand/Ryan O'Neal movie, "The Main _" (1979)
64. Charles Dickens: Bleak House girl
65. He met Sally in the rom-com
66. Cut orange portion
67. Bryan's co-singers on "All for Love", Sting and _

DOWN
1. Front hallway rugs
2. Genesis son
3. Art _ (Design style)
4. "I'm Your _" by Leonard Cohen
5. Wickednesses
6. Summary
7. Ryan Gosling romantic comedy of 2011 starring Steve Carell: 3 wds.
8. Tropical vacation spot
9. Clunker
10. Whirling
11. Chicken
12. Like an expedition waaaay up north
13. Bouquet 'handles'
18. Unorthodox belief
24. Sacred chest
25. Beatles business, Apple _
26. French Sudan, now
27. Antarctica's Prince _ Coast
28. One up ahead in a field of racers
30. Spotlight lover
32. Ore evaluation
35. 'Bachelor' suffix
36. Ms. Gardner's
39. Tartan-decorated topper
40. Stool pigeon
42. "Wow! That was quick!"
44. Basketball's li'l Magic city
46. More creatively crafty
48. Splash
49. "_ la vista, baby." - The Terminator
51. As the lines in corduroy fabric
52. Southfork family on the famous prime time soap
54. Disgorge
56. Beguiler
57. Nullify
58. "Holy cow!"
61. Female saint in France [abbr.]

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be patient with others at work today, because this is a tough day for everyone. People are quick to anger, and they also are quick to be critical and gloomy.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a tough day for romance. Romantic quarrels might break out, especially about money and shared possessions. Parents must be patient with their kids.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with partners and family members are difficult today. Do your best to avoid family arguments. Put a lid on things. (You won't regret it.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a quarrelsome day, especially with siblings, relatives and neighbours. Knowing this ahead of time, you can practice patience and set the bar for everyone.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your financial scene might depress you today. Perhaps you will have an argument with someone about money or possessions, especially when having to do with your kids. Just be cool.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The main thing today is to avoid arguments with partners, close friends and family members — especially older family members. You don't need this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might be annoyed with someone today, but feel you cannot speak up. This is just as well, because everyone is argumentative today. It's not good!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Avoid quarrels with friends or members of groups today, especially about money or possessions. Let's face it — there is never enough money. That's how it works.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a poor day to get into an argument with a boss or parent, because it could turn nasty. People are easily discouraged and critical today. Take the high road.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because they will become unpleasant.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Disagreements about inheritances and shared property are likely today, especially if an old friend is involved. This is a poor day to resolve anything. Therefore, be courteous and cooperative.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Conversations with partners and close friends will disappoint you today because people are standoffish, cold and judgmental. Yikes! It happens.

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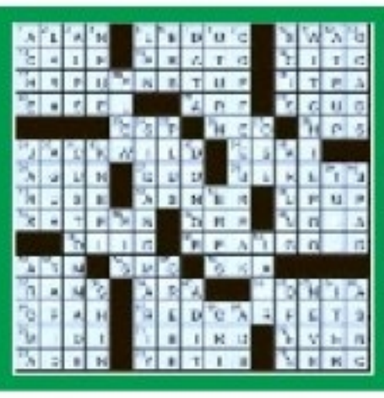
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